



PREVIEW NOTES: HENGQIN LIFE WTA ELITE TROPHY ZHUHAI
ZHUHAI, CHINA | OCT 30 – NOV 4, 2018 | USD \$2,349,363

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ZHUHAI QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Tuesday, October 30 – Sunday, November 4
Singles Final: Sunday, November 4, NB 4:00pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, November 4, 1:30pm
Venue: Zhuhai Hengqin International Tennis Center
Staging: Tournament's fourth year
Draw sizes: 12 singles / 6 doubles teams
Surface: Hard / Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$2,349,363
Tennis Ball: Yonex
2017 Singles Final: [7] Julia Goerges (GER) d. [2] CoCo Vandeweghe (USA) 7-5 6-1
2017 Doubles Final: [6] Duan Yingying/Han Xinyun (CHN/CHN) d. [4] Lu Jingjing/Zhang Shuai (CHN/CHN) 6-2 6-1

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2017	Julia Goerges	CoCo Vandeweghe
2016	Petra Kvitova	Elina Svitolina
2015	Venus Williams	Karolina Pliskova

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS (excludes qualifiers)

Singles wildcards: Zhang Shuai (CHN)
Youngest singles player: Aryna Sabalenka, 20 (May 5, 1998)
Oldest singles player: Julia Goerges, 29 (November 2, 1988)
Main draw debutantes: Daria Kastkina (RUS), Anett Kontaveit (EST), Elise Mertens (BEL), Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP), Aryna Sabalenka (BLR), Wang Qiang (CHN)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Defending champion **Julia Goerges** and two-time major winner **Garbiñe Muguruza** headline the 12-player draw for the Hengqin Life WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai
- **Goerges** has been drawn in the Rose Group alongside No.4 seed **Elise Mertens** and **Anett Kontaveit**, both of whom are making their tournament debut
- **Muguruza**, meanwhile, will face 2017 semifinalist **Anastasija Sevastova** and wildcard **Zhang Shuai** in the Camellia Group
- Top seed is the newest member of the Top 10 **Daria Kasatkina**, who is fresh from winning the second title of her career, at the Kremlin Cup in Moscow
- **Kasatkina** is in the Azalea Group alongside home favorite **Wang Qiang** and **Madison Keys**
- The fourth and final Orchid Group features **Ashleigh Barty**, last year's other semifinalist, along with **Aryna Sabalenka** and **Caroline Garcia**
- **Goerges**, **Mertens** and **Sabalenka** have all registered 45 wins this season, placing them in joint-sixth place on the match-wins leaderboard. Three other players in the draw, **Barty** (43), **Sevastova** (42) and **Kasatkina** (41), have also passed the 40-win mark

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

Eleven countries are represented in the main draw, led by China with two players:

Australia (1)	Ashleigh Barty
Belarus (1)	Aryna Sabalenka
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
China (2)	Wang Qiang, Zhang Shuai
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Germany (1)	Julia Goerges
Latvia (1)	Anastasija Sevastova
Russia (1)	Daria Kasatkina
Spain (1)	Garbiñe Muguruza
United States (1)	Madison Keys